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SUBJECT: STATUS OF JAPANESE CRAB FISHERY IN EASTERN BERING
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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR CLINGAN, LOS DEL

1. ONE OF MOST DIFFICULT ISSUES ENCOUNTERED DURING
NEGOTIATION OF US/JAPAN FISHERIES AGREEMENTS IN DECEMBER
1974 WAS MATTER RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF JAPANESE
CRAB FISHERY. WITH GOOD REASON, US SUSPECTED JAPANESE
FLEET OPERATORS WERE FAR EXCEEDING CATCH QUOTAS AGREED
TO BY JAPAN. TO RESOLVE PROBLEM, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS
WERE MADE WHEREIN US OBSERVERS WERE GIVEN SPECIFIC POWERS
TO CLOSELY OBSERVE CONDUCT OF CRAB FISHERY AND TO CLOSELY
MONITOR LANDINGS. THESE ARRANGEMENTS WERE FORMALIZED
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THROUGH TWO CLASSIFIED LETTERS SIGNED-BY AKIRA MATSUURA,

DIRECTOR OF OCEANIC FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, FISHERIES AGENCY,
ADDRESSED TO T.A. CLINGAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
OES/OFA, DATED DECEMBER 13, 1974. COPIES OF THESE LETTERS
SHOULD BE ON FILE IN EMBASSY.

2. PARAGRAPH F OF LETTER CLASSIFIED FOR OFFICIAL USE
READS BEGIN QUOTE INFORMATION CAN BE SUPPLIED TO JAPANESE

GOVERNMENT BY US OFFICIALS REGARDING PROGRESS OF
JAPANESE FLEET AS OBSERVED BY US OBSERVERS, WHEN QUOTA
IS BEING APPROACHED. JAPANESE OFFICIALS WILL TAKE DUE
ACCOUNT OF THIS INFORMATION AT TIME OF MAKING DECISION
CONCERNING WHEN QUOTA HAS BEEN REACHED END QUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED, BY NATIONAL MARINE
FISHERIES SERVICE, NOAA, COMMERCE, THAT OBSERVATIONS
MADE BY NMFS OBSERVERS SERVING ABOARD TWO JAPANESE CRAB
MOTHERSHIPS FISHING IN AGREEMENT AREA INDICATE THAT
FLEETS ARE EXPECTED TO REACH QUOTA OF 2,500 METRIC TONS
OF TANNER CRAB IN SOUTHERN AREA ABOUT APRIL 14 OR 15
JAPANESE TIME. AS OF APRIL 8, THEIR COMBINED CATCH
TOTALLED 2,132 M.T. POST IS REQUESTED TO RELAY THIS
INFORMATION PER PARA F OF LETTER.

4. PARAGRAPH 2 (1) OF LETTER CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL
READS BEGIN QUOTE CAPTAINS OF INDEPENDENT VESSELS
CONDUCTING TANNER CRAB FISHERIES WILL REPORT BY FOLLOWING
DAY DAILY POSITIONS OF THEIR VESSELS AND AMOUNT OF THEIR
DAILY CATCH TO JAPANESE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ABOARD
MOTHERSHIPS OPERATING IN EASTERN BERING SEA. ENFORCEMENT
OFFICIALS WILL INFORM US OBSERVERS DAILY OF SUCH DATA
END QUOTE.

5. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT PRESENTLY BEING MADE AVAILABLE
TO US OBSERVERS. WE BELIEVE CATCH INFORMATION FROM THESE
VESSELS IS NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE SIMPLY BECAUSE VESSELS
HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO FISH AND WILL NOT DO SO UNTIL
AGREEMENT ON CATCH QUOTAS REACHED BETWEEN JAPAN AND USSR
AT CRAB NEGOTIATIONS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY IN MOSCOW. POST
IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THIS INTERPRETATION OF SITUATION
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AND DETERMINE WHEN FISHERY EXPECTED TO COMMENCE.

5. PLEASE CONVEY TO GOJ US SATISFACTION OVER PROGRESS
SO FAR OF CRAB OBSERVER SCHEME. NMFS OBSERVERS REPORT
FULL COOPERATION BEING EXTENDED BY JAPANESE CRAB
OPERATORS AMID CORDIAL RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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